& dissemination of our rich cultural heritage. Towards this end, Govt. have decided, in principle to set up Bharat Darshan Science / Culture Parks / theme parks to showcase our cultural heritage, promote science education and project our scientific achievements. The concept is in the process of elaboration.

Government gives priority to Eco-friendly tourism including setting up of theme parks. Any proposal which is prioritised in this context is given due consideration by the Ministry of Tourism.

Harassment of foreign tourists

†2120. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the foreign tourists are compelled to purchase the items by the shopkeepers of shops situated at Janpath in Connaught Place and they are harassed in different manners which not only adversely affect tourism but also presents a bad image of the nation;

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal to stop such type of harassment of foreign tourists; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Ministry of Tourism has not received any specific complaint from foreign tourists regarding harassment by shopkeepers at Janpath in Connaught Place.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Tourism officials in "Agreed List' of CBI

2121. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of officials of ITDC and Ministry of Tourism / DoT have been on the "Agreed List' of CBI during the last four years and as on date due to their various irregularities and corrupt practices on their respective posts.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether it is also a fact that in spite of their being on CBI list a number of them are still continuing to be posted on public, financial, sensitive and key posts; and

(d) if so, how soon the CBI / CVC propose to take appropriate action against each of them?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (d) An "Agreed List' is prepared after consultation between the coccemed departments and CBI. This confidential document is reviewed from time to time. No adverse or punitive action as such is contemplated against any officer on these lists, unless adequate actionable material is available.

Development of tourism in Orissa

2122. SHRI ANANTHA SETHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce a long term plan to develop tourism in the country;

(b) whether core sections have been identified to develop tourism;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the programme drawn up for Orissa; and

(e) the fund earmarked for the implementation of the long term plan to develop tourism?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Proposal has been made for preparation of long term perspective plan for development of tourism in various Slates/UTs. The core areas identified for development of tourism include setting up/upgradation of tourist infrastucture, human resource development, promotion & publicity, marketing, market research and use of information technology.

(d) and (e) In case of Orissa, 23 tourism projects for Rs. 7.00 crores have been prioritised for the year 1999-2000 in consultation with the State Government for central financial assistance. Government of Orissa has declared Puri-Konark area as a special tourism area for integrated development of tourism.